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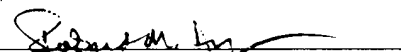
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Official Action  
dated mailed on November 6, 2002. Please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-12 to read as  
follows:

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This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent  
Application No. 60/208,873 filed on June 1, 2000, of U.S.  
Provisional Patent Application No. 60/208,760 filed June 2, 2000,  
and of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/232,790 filed  
September 15, 2000. This application is related to U.S.  
Application No. 09/835,120 filed April 13, 2001 by John W. Dykes,  
Joel W. Hoehn, James E. Angelo and William D. Mosley for  
"Ultrathin Protective Overcoats for Magnetic Materials", the  
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This  
application is also related to U.S. Application No. 09/871,007  
filed May 31, 2001 by John W. Dykes, Joel W. Hoehn, James E.